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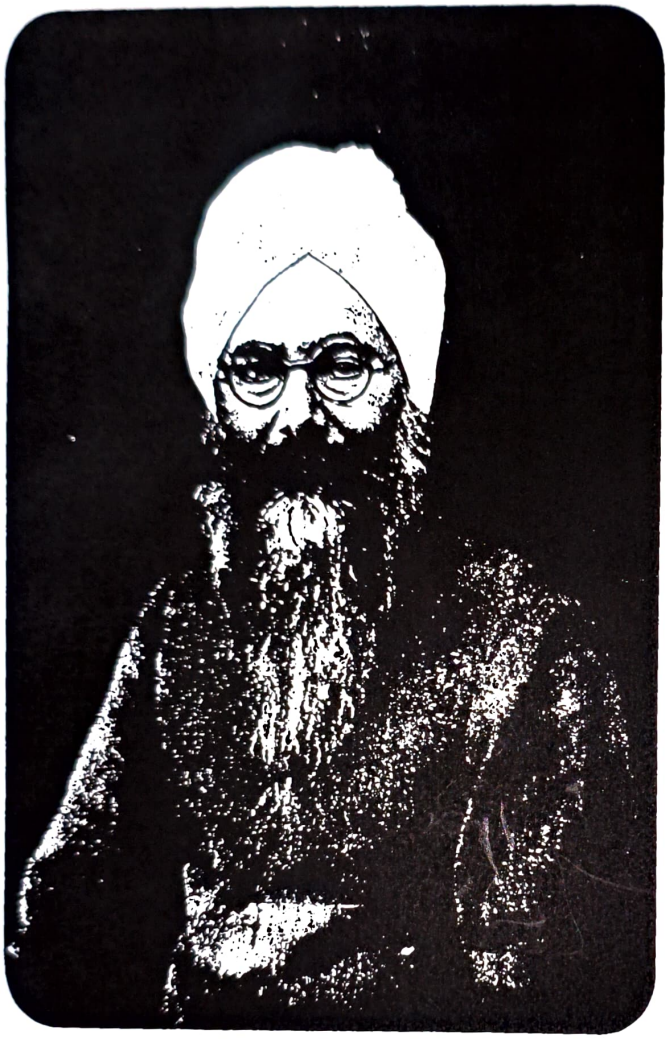
A SELF-MADE MAN



S. NAUHRIA SINGH KALSI
*Founder & Proprietor*

*India's*

**FOREMOST & LEADING INVENTOR**

OF

# HOSIERY

AND

# KNITTING MACHINES

★

# KALSI MECHANICAL WORKS

NANDPUR - LUDHIANA

Visited & Appreciated by

H. E. Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy and Governor-General of India in 1935

# AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS WON BY OUR INDUSTRY

1935

ALL INDIA INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION

DELHI

Organised by

The Association for the Development

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THIS

*Certificate of Merit with a Gold Medal.*

IS

**Awarded to**

Messrs. Kalsi Mechanical Works, Nandpur.

For Hosiery machines.

Dhoparwala
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Hony. General Secretary

Baij Nath Pal
President

DELHI:

9th APRIL, 1935

# INDIAN EMPIRE EXHIBITION

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## LAHORE, 1933–34.

I do hereby Certify that

SILVER MEDAL has been

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Messrs. Kalsi Mechanical Works, Nandpur, Ludhiana.

For Excellence of Sinker Type Automatic Knitting Machine.

Deputy Commissioner,
DELHI.

Superintendent of Industries,
DELHI.

Delhi,
May, 1939.

# GREAT RENOWED PERSONALITIES VISITING OUR INDUSTRY

# What Great Men Say

The Kalsi Machine is a fine proof of Indian inventive genius. Much as we fear the spread of machinery which replaces the arts and crafts of India, there may not be real danger to their lying behind this invention. Foreign machinery imported into our country costs over a half in duties and profits. Much of this is saved by availing oneself of this plant. It is neat, simple in design and effective in results.

(Sd.) B. PATTABHI SITARAMAYYA.

Ludhiana,
*16th February, 1939.*

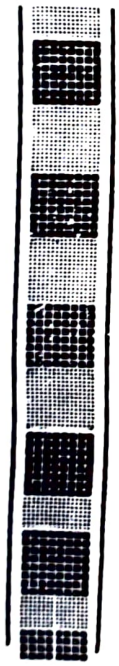
I was very pleased to visit the Kalsi Mechanical Works at Nandpur this morning. The enterprise shown by Sardar Nauhria Singh Kalsi in starting and developing these works should prove an example to thousands of young men in our country who believe in the future prosperity of this country by sound and rapid industrialization. In my opinion there is an immense scope for the development of Sardar Sahib's factory and he contemplates starting Needle Making Plant provided sufficient and timely help is forthcoming. The Government and industrially-minded people must put their heads together more so in the present favourable time, by rendering all possible assistance financial and otherwise to such enterprising people like Sardar Nauhria Singh Kalsi so that in course of time our country may rank as one of the most advanced and industrialized countries in the world. I wish Sardar Sahib all success in his future enterprises.

(Sd.) SANKAL CHAND G. SHAH
President,
Association of Indian Industries,
Bombay.

*Nandpur, 30th March, 1941.*

I had the pleasure of visiting the Kalsi Mechanical Works, Nandpur, after an interval of about two years. The staff has doubled itself and the factory has been entirely reorganised, and it seems as though it will be necessary to extend the premises ere long. This is quite a remarkable example of personal enterprise and initiative, and it thoroughly deserves the success it has achieved. The Proprietor now contemplates the manufacture of needles. I hope he may succeed.

(Sd.) COWIE,
I. I. S.,
Inspector of Industrial Schools, Punjab.



It has been a great pleasure to visit the factory of Sirdar Nauhria Singh, a veritable jadugar. His ingenuity is providing work for a considerable body of men and profitable employment for still greater numbers. Attention is paid to the comfort of his wage earners whose rates run from Rs. 15/- to Rs. 80/- p.m. Villagers, living in the country, doing the work normally associated with urban life and all its cramping restrictions and threats to ill-health. In Ludhiana Town, with its 80,000 inhabitants only, no less than 2,000 houses are infacted with tubercle. Here there is good air and healthy employment.

H.M.D. is endeavouring to solve the outstanding problem of the provision of needless of the right temper and strength. That problem solved, this industry should progress still further. The good Sirdar, its proprietor, has all my congratulations and good wishes.

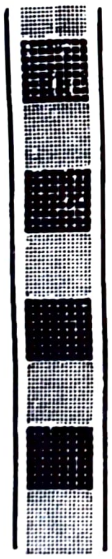
(Sd.) C. C. GARBETT,
Financial Commissioner,
Revenue,
Punjab.

Camp Nandpur,
*Dated the 4th February 1941.*

A complex machine successfully produced does great credit to S. Nauhria Singh. It is in the establishment of such industries that future of the province lies.

(Sd.) SIR JOGINDRA SINGH,
Minister for Agriculture,
Punjab.

*Dated 10th October, 1935.*

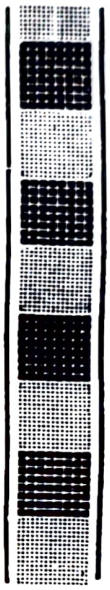


Having the pleasure of visiting the Kalsi (Knitting Machine) Mechanical Works, I was surprised to find a place in India where knitting machines are constructed which are quite able to serve the demand of the manufacturers of knitted goods and so the public. Although there are many points which could be discussed in comparison with the opinion of our point of view I must say that I heartily wish that the Proprietor of the Factory will receive all the honours and pleasure which his creation deserves.

(Sd.) T. R. FELDER,
Textile Expert.

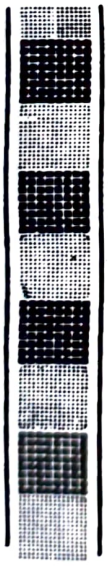
Nandpur,
*8th April, 1932.*

Nandpur, *24th March, 1937*



I come from a region in Switzerland (Europe) where highly specialized industry (watch-making) has developed in the villages. Nothing could surprise me and please me more than finding a similar industry developed by the ability of Nauhria Singh Kalsi in the heart of Punjab. There is a great hope connected with this enterpriser encouraging all village workers.

(Sd.) P. CERESOLE,
Delegate for Earthquake Relief in Bihar by the International Voluntary Service for Peace.



It gave me great pleasure to visit the Kalsi Mechanical Works, Nandpur, today. This is a commendable example of perserverance. M. Nauhria Singh has after years of hard labour in which he had to surmount financial and other difficulties, been successful in manufacturing good durable Hosiery Machines. The demand for such machines is on the increase and I was glad to learn that the proprietor was contemplating the construction of a bigger factory at a more suitable place near the Road. I wish this enterprise every success.

(Sd.) RAM LAL

*Dated 23rd August, 1933.* Director of Industries, Punjab

I along with other officers of Patiala State Forces visited the Kalsi Mechanical Works during the X'mas holidays and were astonished to note the high standard of machinery, surmounted by accuracy, produced by the genuine brain of the proprietors of the works, which is really Manchester of India.

The production of such a complex machinery in India is veritably a direct contribution towards the War efforts and great support to the Government in achievement of their goal.

This factory has also been visited by His Excellency the Viceroy, the Hon'ble Sardar Baldev Singh, Sir Chhotu Ram, Ministers of Punjab Government and other officials and highly appreciated by them.

The Proprietors also showed us their contemplated Scheme presented to General Hutton and Colonel Brayn a day before yesterday, to employ post-war military personnel by initiating a needle plant, the production of which is unknown in India.

We highly appreciate the activities of S. Nauhria Singh and Ram Singh, proprietors of the concern, towards the War efforts and thank immensely for their marvellous enterprise.

(Sd.) GURDIAL SINGH,
Lt.-Col.
Commandant 4th Patiala Infantry,
Patiala.

*Dated* 24*th December*, 1943

I am glad to visit the Kalsi Mechanical Works, Nandpur, this morning. I was particularly struck by the resourcefulness and courage shown by this institution in the small village. The factory has also been visited by H. E. the Viceroy. Quite aside from the high order of production, this enterprise once again shows that given opportunity and impetus, there is sufficient initiative and talent among our people to undertake and maintain successfully even the most highly specialised forms of machines manufacture in spite of adverse conditions and in the face of competition by very powerful and much more developed foreign interests.

(Sd.) BALDEV SINGH,
Minister for Development,
Government of Punjab.

*Dated* 12*th Sept.*, 1942.

S. Nauhria Singh was good enough to show Mr. Dobson, Financial Commissioner and myself the Hosiery Machines which he manufactures at Nandpur and on which he has got a big sale. The Financial Commissioner was very pleased to see this pioneer enterprise. S. Nauhria Singh's machines have won gold medals and commendation certificates at various Exhibitions.

I congratulate him and wish him prosperity.

(Sd.) B. N. SINGH,
Deputy Commissioner,

*Dated 7th September*, 1935. Ludhiana.

It was a treat to me to see the Kalsi Mechanical Works, manufacturing all sizes of circular knitting machines, which require a very high degree of accuracy. The price of machines is so very competitive that all cottage workers are going for these in preference to foreign machines and at the same time these machines are very efficient in production as well as in durability. The very fact that machines requiring very great skill for its manufacture are being made in a village without any big establishment shows some such kind of machinery manufacture could be solved provided the proper person with forethought handles such matter right earnest and I wish all success to the Factory.

(Sd.) K. NAGANATH,
*Textile Expert*,
H. E. H. The Nizam's State,
Hyderabad-Deccan.

19*th December*, 1937.

I had the pleasure of visiting Kalsi Mechanical Works and was deeply impressed with the remarkable ability and ingenuity of an individual person in Sardar Nauhria Singh, the founder of these Works. It is indeed a good omen of our country to find such splendid example of development and resource for employing labour and I wish this concern best of luck for future.

(Sd.) BIR INDER SINGH,
Col., Raja.

*Dated* 19*th October*, 1941.

I have great pleasure in stating that the individual enterprise with enthusiasm is bearing fruits in the development of an industry greatly needed in the country, specially in this locality.

I wish them all success.

(Sd.) S. L. SAXENA,
Regional Inspector,
Labour Department,
Govt. of India.

*Dated* 13*th February*, 1941.

I paid a visit to the Kalsi Mechanical works, Nandpur, on 28th January, 1954, and was shown round by the proprietor, Sardar Nauhria Singh Kalsi. I was glad to know that modern hosiery machines are being manufactured in their factory to meet the demand of the local hosiery industry. They are reported to be as good as the imported ones and cost much less. Sardar Nauhria Singh started from scratch and in spite of being handicapped by lack of formal technical education has through his practical skill and hard work brought this firm to its present advanced stage of engineering manufacturers. I was pleased to see a finished hosiery machine at work.

Sd/- C.P.N. SINGH,
Governor, Punjab.